

**House File 806 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 806  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 60)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the allocation of nonresident deer hunting  
2 licenses, and making penalties applicable.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.8, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code  
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. (1) (a) The commission shall annually limit to six  
4 thousand the number of nonresidents allowed to have antlered  
5 or any sex deer hunting licenses. Of the six thousand  
6 nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses issued,  
7 five hundred of the licenses shall be reserved for nonresidents  
8 who have made a reservation with an outfitter that is currently  
9 registered as a business entity with the secretary of state and  
10 has maintained registration since prior to July 1, 2020. A  
11 nonresident may only receive one license under this subsection.  
12 An outfitter shall certify to the department that the outfitter  
13 is properly registered as a business entity. If fewer than  
14 five hundred nonresidents apply for a reserved license by  
15 the application deadline set by the commission by rule, any  
16 license not issued shall be made available for purchase at the  
17 same time and in the same manner as other excess nonresident  
18 antlered or any sex deer hunting licenses. Not more than  
19 thirty-five percent of the issued reserved licenses shall be  
20 bow season licenses. The nonresident shall provide with the  
21 license application evidence that the reservation is scheduled  
22 during a period in which the license is valid. Of the six  
23 thousand remaining nonresident antlered or any sex deer hunting  
24 licenses issued, not more than thirty-five percent of the  
25 licenses shall be bow season licenses.

26 (b) For purposes of this subparagraph, "outfitter" means a  
27 business that offers any of the following services in relation  
28 to hunting:

29 (i) Transportation services for individuals, equipment,  
30 supplies, or wildlife by means of a vehicle, vessel, or pack  
31 animal.

32 (ii) Facilities services including but not limited to  
33 providing tents, cabins, camp gear, food, or similar supplies,  
34 equipment, or accommodations.

35 (iii) Guiding, leading, packing, protecting, supervising,

1 instructing, or training individuals or groups in the take or  
2 attempted take of wildlife.

3 (2) After the six thousand antlered or any sex nonresident  
4 deer hunting licenses have been issued, all additional licenses  
5 shall be issued for antlerless deer only. The commission shall  
6 annually determine the number of nonresident antlerless deer  
7 only deer hunting licenses that will be available for issuance.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill relates to nonresident deer hunting licenses  
12 issued by the natural resource commission. Currently, the  
13 commission issues up to 6,000 antlered or any sex deer hunting  
14 licenses to nonresidents, which are allocated among zones based  
15 on deer populations. Not more than 35 percent of the licenses  
16 shall be bow season licenses. The bill requires the commission  
17 to reserve 500 of the nonresident antlered or any sex deer  
18 hunting licenses for nonresidents who have made a reservation  
19 with an outfitter, as defined in the bill, that is currently  
20 registered as a business entity with the secretary of state  
21 and has maintained registration since prior to July 1, 2020.  
22 The bill prohibits a nonresident from receiving more than one  
23 license issued under Code section 483A.8(3). The bill requires  
24 an outfitter to certify to the department of natural resources  
25 that the outfitter is properly registered as a business entity.  
26 If fewer than 500 nonresidents apply for a reserved license  
27 by the application deadline set by the commission, the excess  
28 reserved licenses shall be available for purchase in the same  
29 manner as other excess nonresident antlered or any sex deer  
30 hunting licenses. A nonresident shall include with the license  
31 application evidence that the reservation is scheduled for  
32 a time during which the license is valid. Not more than 35  
33 percent of the issued reserved licenses and not more than 35  
34 percent of the remaining licenses shall be bow season licenses.  
35 A person who violates a provision of this bill is subject to

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1 a scheduled fine of \$35.